

2020 Water Rights

NRAEQ Appropriation Subcommittee

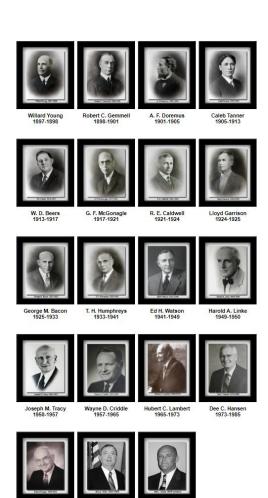
Boyd Clayton

Interim State Engineer

February 10, 2020

State Engineer History

- Created 1897
- "Practical" Engineer
- Governor Appointment
- Senate Confirmation
- 4 Year Term
- No Board
- No Superior Agency Review



1897 Laws of Utah

Shall have control and supervision of the waters of the State...

Shall free of charge give any information desired by any person as to the proper method of ...

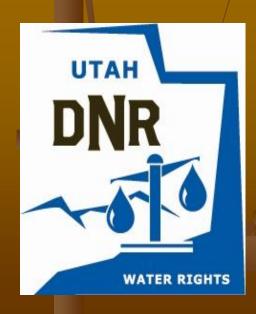
State Fish Warden

State Engineer

Utah Division of Water Rights Mission

Promote order, certainty, and safety in the beneficial use of Utah's water.

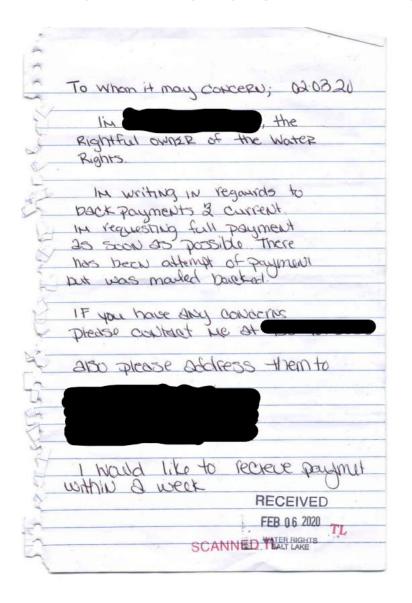




Current State Engineer Responsibilities



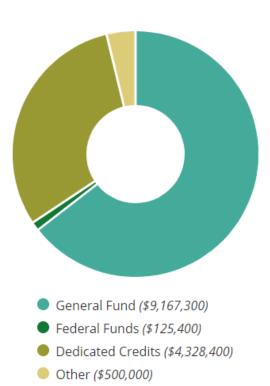
What we don't Do



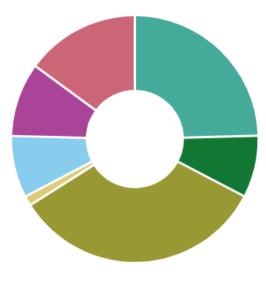


Current Budget Breakdown

FY20-21 Sources - \$14.12M

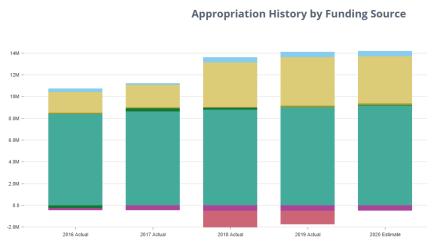


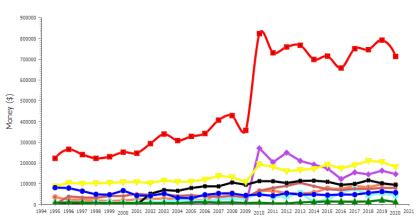
Programs



- Adjudication (\$3,497,900)
- Administration (\$1,126,200)
- Applications and Records (\$4,765,800)
- Canal Safety (\$143,600)
- Dam Safety (\$1,125,200)
- Field Services (\$1,351,000)
- Technical Services (\$2,111,400)

Funding History

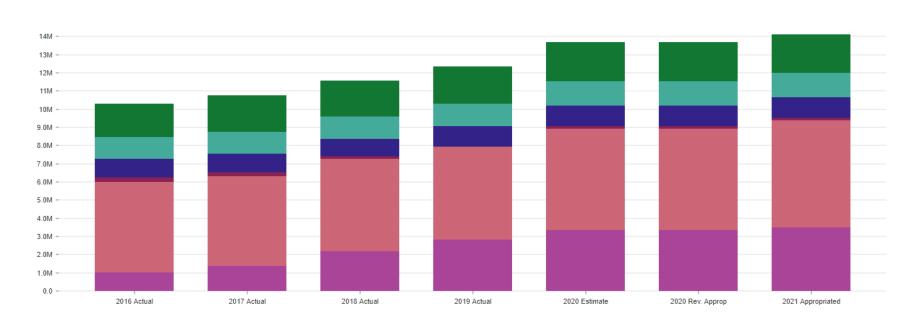




Fees

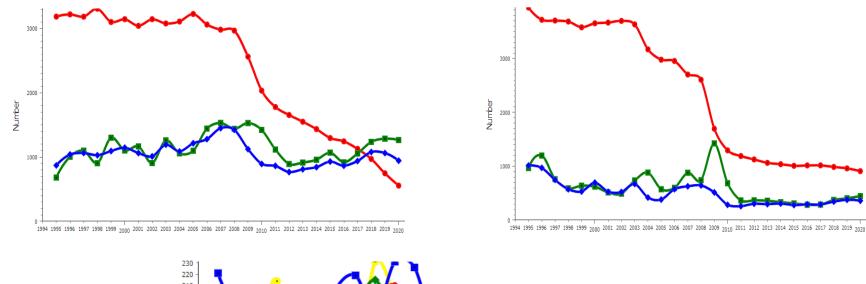
How Funding Is Being Used

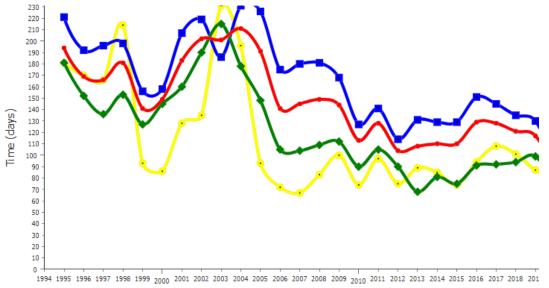
Appropriation History by Program



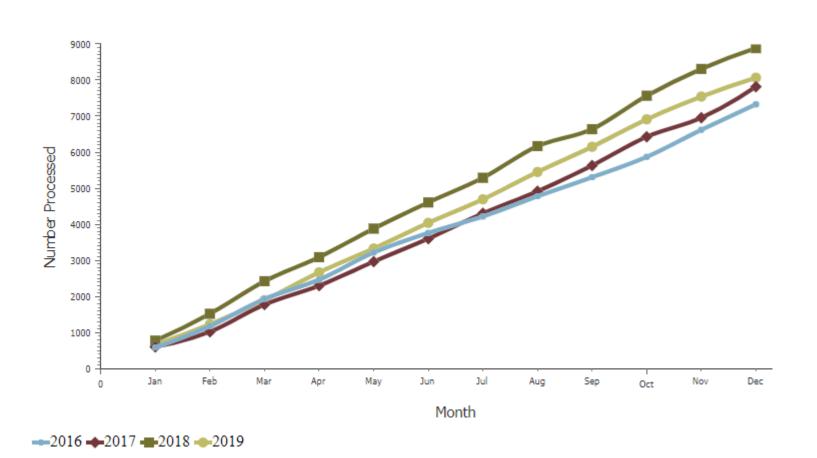


Applications, How Are We Doing?



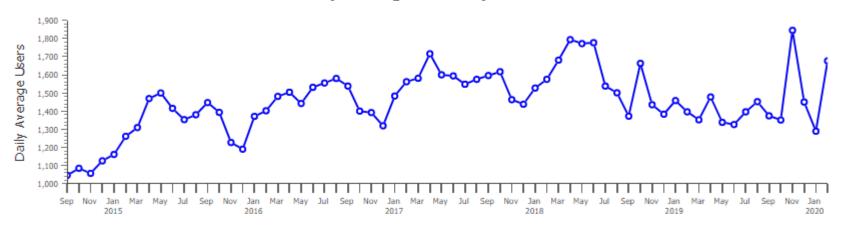


Application Processing Trends

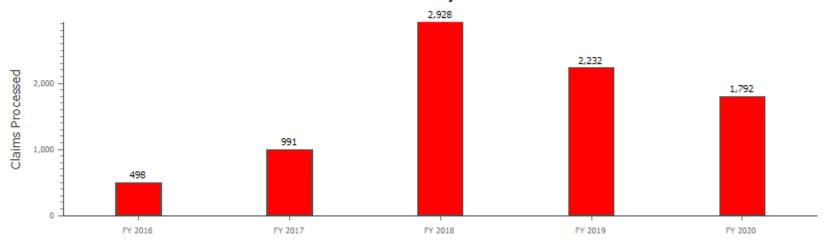


Other Indicators

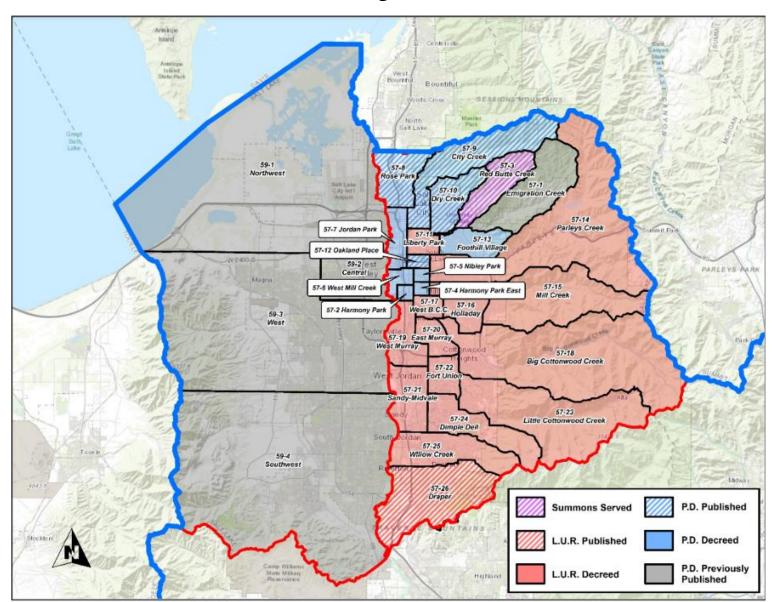
Daily Average Users by Month



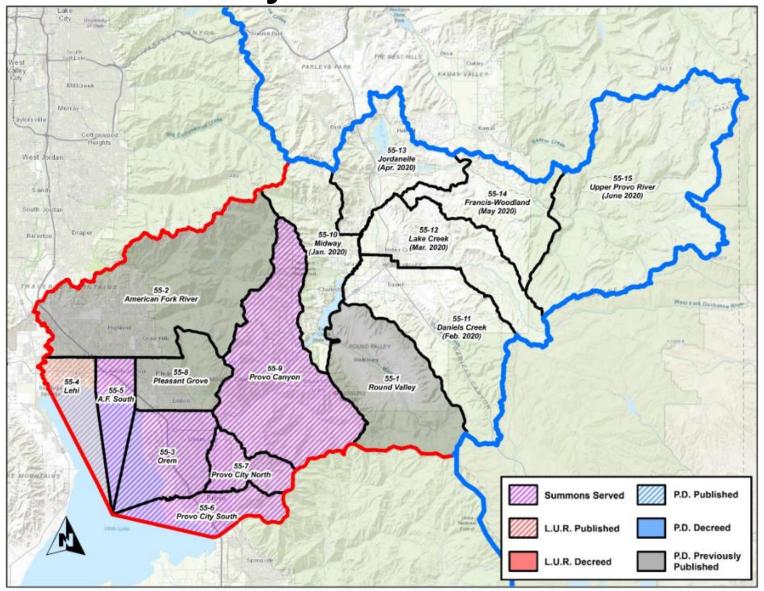
Claims Processed by Fiscal Year



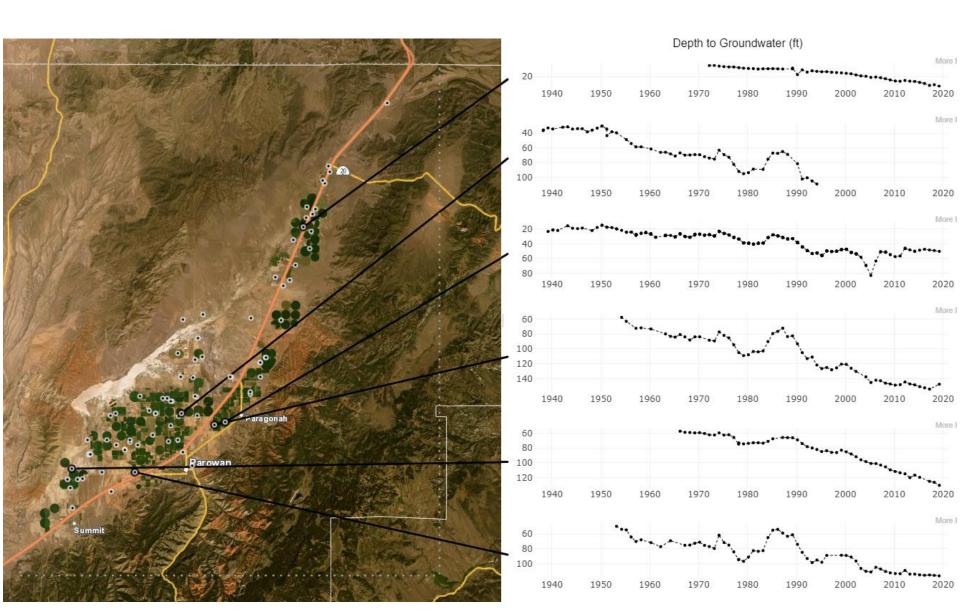
ULJR Adjudication



ULJR Adjudication - Provo

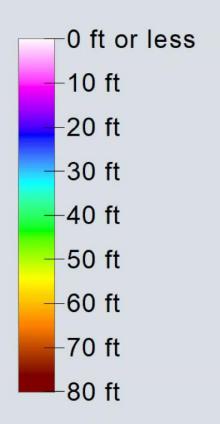


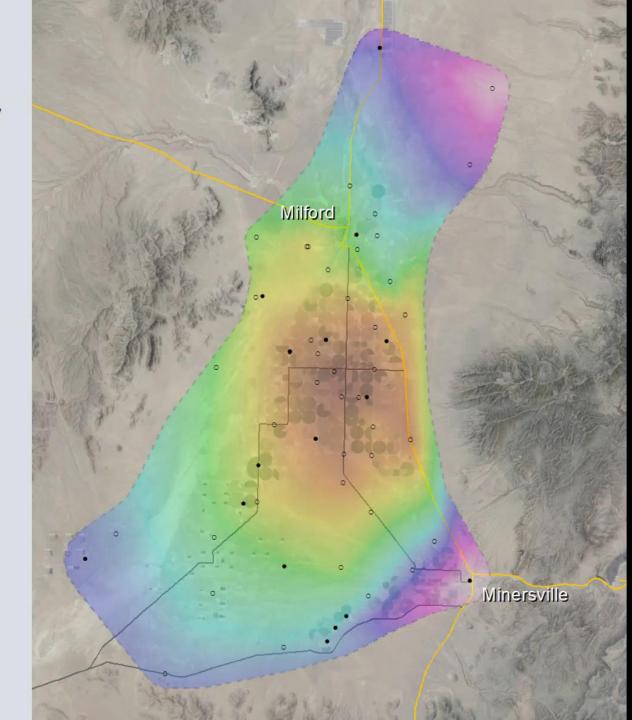
Parowan Groundwater Trends



Milford Area Groundwater Declines

From 1950 to 2019



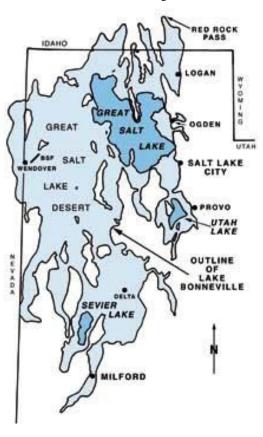


Hot Button Issues

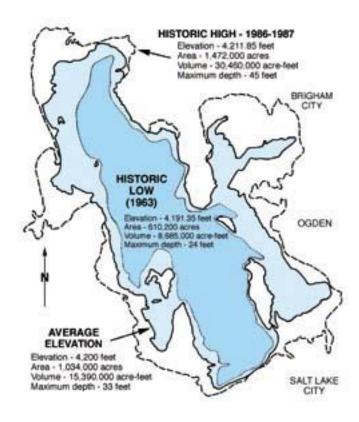
- Instream/Environmental beneficial use
- Rocky Ford Supreme Court Issues
- When do Public Water Supplier benefits end?
- Irrigation Depletion (Change Flexibility)
- Silo Distribution and General Adjudication
- Full Allocation of Colorado River
- How big should the GSL be?

Great Salt Lake Issues

We Live in a Dry Lake Bed

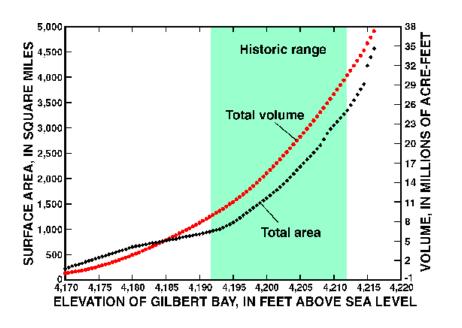


Lake Levels Change, It Hasn't Disappeared



Grasping the GSL Water Supply

GSL Area and Volume Changes



How it Fits

Estimated Statewide Water Budget

Row	Category	Water Supply (acre-feet/yr)*
1	Total Precipitation	61,500,000
2	Used by vegetation and natural systems [†]	53,789,000
3	Basin Yield	7,711,000
4	Interstate Compact Decreases	(535,000)
5	Ground Water Mining Increases & Other Inflow	135,000
6	Available Supply	7,311,000
7	Agricultural Depletions	2,175,000
8	M&I Depletions	443,000
9	Great Salt Lake	3,000,000
10	Other Depletions [‡]	998,000
11	Yield that flows out of state	695,000

Pick your Outcome







